

# ***MARIETTA POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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**INCIDENT:** Arson and burglary arrest

**DATE:** November 14, 2011 12:40am

**LOCATION:** Multiple locations on Powder Springs Road

**SUSPECT:** 38 year old male of Marietta

**CHARGES:** 3 counts of First Degree Arson; 3 counts of Burglary; 3 counts of Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary

The Marietta Police Department Detective Division, in conjunction with the Marietta Fire Department, is currently investigating the burglaries, arson and damage to properties of six businesses along Powder Springs Road. The businesses of Aquarama located at 565 Powder Springs Road, Pro Elegance Hair Studio located at 553 Powder Springs Road and Driver Automotive located at 600 Powder Springs Road were broken in to and set on fire. The businesses of Taco Loco located at 601 Powder Springs Road, the Shell Gas Station located at 679 Powder Springs Road and Pollo Dorado located at 715 Sandtown Road all had glass broken due to blocks being thrown through the windows.

At approximately 12:40am the Marietta Fire Department responded to the business of Aquarama for a commercial fire alarm. When they arrived, firefighters observed a fire burning in the lobby of the business. While suppressing that fire, it was discovered that the business of Pro Elegance Hair Studio had also caught on fire which was located next door to the business of Aquarama.

At approximately 03:45am, Marietta Police responded to the Shell Gas station for a glass break alarm. While investigating, officers observed that the business of Driver Automotive was on fire. A male suspect, who was observed twice in the immediate areas of several of the incident locations, was detained by police.

During the investigation it was discovered that the businesses of Taco Loco and Pollo Dorado were also damaged by a blocks being thrown through their windows. The suspect was later arrested and charged with the listed offenses due to statements he had made, witness statements and video and forensic evidence that was collected at all the scenes. His name and photograph are being withheld at this time since other witnesses have been identified and the incident is still under further investigation. Other charges are pending.

The Marietta Police Department is asking anyone with information about this case to please call Detective Merritt at 770-794-5324 or the Tip Line at 770-794-6990.

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